Q1 Which part of the Planning and Design Code would you like to make a submission about? (Please click the circle to select which part of the Code you wish to comment on. You can also see which council areas are included in the rural and urban code via the links below.)

My submission relates to Statewide code

Q2 Please provide your contact details below (Name, Postcode & Email are mandatory) Please be advised that your submission will be made publicly available on the SA Planning Portal.

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Q3 Which sector do you associate yourself with? General Public

Q4 Please upload your PDF template for submission here (pdf only)

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Q5 Please enter your general feedback here

Please refer to enclosed.
Climate change and Extreme Fires in many parts of Australia have changed the ball game. I believe we need to pause and look at these events before proceeding with a new planning act.
The Minister for Planning & Development

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed my submission to the State Planning Review.

We need to hit the pause button on the proposed rewrite of State Planning Laws.

- The citizens of Adelaide were disenfranchised by the previous government while this government is intent on following the same path to gain greater control of planning and development in the state. The Adelaide City Council and local government are being sidelined with planning approval invested in the Government. Meanwhile the State Government frequently invokes State Major Development bogey and becomes the ultimate authority for a decision.

- I see these planning changes delivering more powder to decision makers, more power to Government. It is wrong to force this upon the people of South Australia. Community consultation is not enough. In our locality 6 or 7 members of the public attended. To abandon the previous Act so completely and attempt to create something new is fraught with danger. One only has to look at the destruction of very old trees in Tee Tree Gully to make way for roadworks. A great injustice took place here. These beautiful surroundings were massacred by Government Planning. As I look upon the area once occupied by Hillcrest Hospital and Glenside Hospitals I think about what could have been - with enlightened planning and facilities that enhance our city and state, facilities that are owned by South Australians. Instead we have multi storied buildings and surrounds for the elite.

- The Government and Dept of Planning and Infrastructure have failed to ask the question of Adelaide and South Australia, what do we want to be?

I believe the Elephant in the room is Climate Change and wonder how the new planning laws address this? Before we go down the path of introducing new planning laws we should develop a new building code that addresses things such as access to water, economical power supply, fire resistance and storm protection and alternatives to concrete and bitumen, to name just a few areas of concern. I believe Indigenous People should be consulted on the future of Adelaide and their ideas canvassed on how to move forward with a changing climate.

In the Adelaide Hills we have suffered a severe drop in the water table. Many bores in premises that front our main road have been deepened as a result.

Now the water is hard and brackish. Surprisingly Adelaide Hills lacks water. Massive vineyard and horticulture development has intensified the water talk-off. Large dams have appeared. In the Hills area any proposal for new subdivisions should be balanced by our ability to provide water and infrastructure to the residents.
It is not enough to authorize new subdivisions and Schools, with frequent power outages and water restrictions. Infrastructure such as roads and services must be provided and paid for. And building standards must be aligned with a future of scarcity.

- All homes must treat and use Grey Water
- Insulation of the highest standards be used.
- Generally improved House Design.
- Provision for parking in dense building subdivisions.
- Provision for eves on all roofing.
- Provision for emergency access to dense building areas.

Thanks for looking at my concerns

Yours sincerely

Brian Marr